

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Preliminary Amendment previously filed on September 10, 2004 has been corrected to show the proper status identifiers for claims 1, 2 and 5. The preliminary amendment is made for the purpose of removing multiple dependencies and reference numerals to conform with U.S. practice.

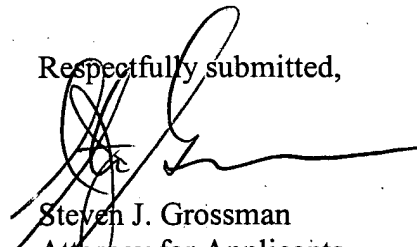
Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered before the examination of the present application, and before calculation of fees.

As this response is being filed within the one month shortened statutory period for reply, no extension of time is believed necessary. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such an extension has inadvertently been overlooked. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any necessary extension fees.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.



Respectfully submitted,


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